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Decision of the Government regarding the Vamsadhara project.

* 402 *Q.*—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the decision of the Government regarding the Vamsadhara project in the Ganjam district?

A.—In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee which inquired into irrigation projects in Ganjam district the project has been abandoned. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the papers printed at pages 773–774 of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Volume LI, No. 7.

Progress report regarding the Tungabhadra project.

* 403 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to make a statement as to the further progress made towards the execution of the Tungabhadra project?

A.—Replies from the other Governments are still awaited.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know if the Government have finally decided the site of the dam? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I take it that they have not completed the estimates yet? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" The final detailed estimates have not yet been prepared."

Extent of irrigation by the Kanigiri Reservoir in Sangam.

* 404 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total acreage that was expected to be irrigated by the Kanigiri Reservoir in Sangam when the project was first brought into existence;

(*b*) the total acreage so far brought under cultivation till now in the Sangam delta;

(*c*) if the original expectations have not been fulfilled, the reasons therefor and what measures are under contemplation to improve the delta; and

(*d*) whether it is one of the subjects recently referred to the Irrigation Board for report?

A.—(*a*) 94,000 acres (first crop) and 16,026 acres (second crop).

(*b*) The area irrigated in 1929–30 was 83,652 acres first crop and 12,929 acres second crop.

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(c) Several villages which were originally included in the project ayacut were not in fact brought under irrigation and after a thorough investigation the original estimate was revised in 1898 to 84,130 acres first crop and 4,500 acres second crop. The excavation of the Vidavalore channel will add 670 acres of first crop irrigation and the Vovveru channel and branches will bring in a further 1,000 acres. The natural conditions of the delta are such that no further large extension is possible.

(d) No.

Estimate for improving water-supply to the tank in Sovenahalli, Kudligi taluk.

* 405 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether an estimate for improving the supply to the tank in Sovenahalli, Kudligi taluk, Bellary district, has been prepared or is still under preparation; and, in either case, whether the estimate includes repairs to Komaranahalli supply channel which has breached in parts and, if not, why not?

A.—No estimate for improving the supply to the tank has been prepared nor is any under preparation.

Investigation of the Appapuram project by the Special subdivision.

* 406 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Special Division appointed to investigate into the Appapuram project, is surveying a new line at a distance of more than three furlongs from the old line proposed by the Government at first;

(b) if so, whether the Government have instructed the Special Division to survey the new line;

(c) if so, what the instructions are; and

(d) whether the Government have assured the Appapuram Project Committee that the Special Division will consider the line suggested by the Project Committee?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government sanctioned the formation of a special division to investigate in detail, and prepare plans and estimates for the extension of irrigation in the Kistna Eastern and Western deltas. They issued no detailed instructions.

(d) No.

Paucity of irrigational facilities in Salem district.

* 407 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the district of Salem has few facilities for irrigation;

(b) whether there are abundant sources for easy irrigation; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to utilize them for purposes of irrigation?